

City and State Items.

The Case of Maj. Gee.—On Tuesday, the Judge Advocate General, before the Court, read the motion of the accused to quash the proceedings, and read an order from the War Department to suspend the mustering out of certain officers detailed to sit in the Commission, which order, being dated subsequent to the President's proclamation, was paramount to an order to continue the trial, because whatever is done by any one of the Departments is an order from the President in legal contemplation.

On yesterday the prisoner sued out a writ of Habeas corpus before Judge Fowle, of the Superior Court Bench, which was served on Gen. Ruger, Commanding the Department of North-Carolina, to have Maj. Gee before him on Saturday next. The matter will then be decided whether the trial before the Military Commission shall continue, a trial be had before a civil Court, or Major Gee be set at liberty.

A Confidence Darkie.—Mr. C. W. D. Hutcheson keeps a Family Grocery on the first floor of the Masonic Lodge, on Morgan street, and Mr. Henry Brown resides at the opposite corner. A few days ago Mr. Brown went over to the store and was looking at some butter and other things in that line, but did not buy any at the time. Shortly after, a big negro man, bare-headed and in his shirt sleeves, stepped into the store and said Mrs. Brown told him to come over and get her some butter, that Mr. Brown was out of the store, and she would send the money as soon as he returned; that Mrs. Brown said he must put the butter in a paper, as her bowl had starch in it. The butter was weighed; Sambo took it and went out, and that the last that has been heard of it. Mrs. B. states that she did not send the negro for the butter, nor did he bring it to her.

Post Office at Auburn.—We are glad to learn that the post office at Auburn, Wake County, has been opened. J. G. Andrews, P. M.

An Item with an Appendage.—Some young men, "for the fun of the thing," tied an old coffee pot to a stray dog's tail, on one of the public streets, Tuesday, when a policeman coming along, took them in custody and carried them before His Honor, the Mayor, who required them to enter into bonds to answer a breach of the city ordinance, specially providing against sending around Tin-shop signs by means of canine agency. Soon after the policeman had gone off with the above fun-loving youths, another party took into their heads to get up an execution of the sport, by tying a piece of brown paper to the narrative of another dog, owned by one of them; but, just in the midst of it, the policeman pounced down again and took the second party through the same process of admonition as the first.

Moral.—It isn't right to try to add a cubit to a dog's tail—better not meddle with the article at all.

Restored.—Messrs. Briggs & Dodd have had their extensive machine carpenter's shop, in the Western part of the City, restored to them by the military authorities, and we understand that they will put up the establishment again for business, on a larger scale than before.

Catching Whales.—A correspondent of the Southern, writing from Morehead City, gives account of two Provincetown schooners, that have been engaged in whale catching, this Spring, off Beaufort Harbor. They have succeeded in capturing several, some of them of considerable size.

Suicide.—Col. L. H. Mayton, of Buncombe County, committed suicide, at his own house, recently, while his family were at Church. He had been depressed in mind for some time, on account of loss of property by Gen. Stoneman's troops.

Brushing Up.—The Legislature, at its recent session, made an appropriation for repairing and cleaning up the State Capitol and grounds, in pursuance of which we notice that the walks have been restored to their original lines, and that painters are engaged on the interior of the building, putting the walls in a new dress entirely.—Mr. Wm. H. Hamilton, we understand, has undertaken the contract.

Military.—Brevet Col. Carr of the United States Cavalry, succeeds Col. R. K. Miller, of the 12th Indiana Volunteers, as Commandant of the Post at Raleigh. The garrison here will consist of Co. E, 7th U. S. artillery, Companies A and B, 8th U. S. regular Infantry, and two Companies of U. S. Cavalry. One company of the 28th Michigan Infantry will also remain here for a time.

The Election in Wilson. on the 5th, for Mayor and Commissioners of the town for the ensuing year, resulted as follows: For Mayor, Geo. W. Blount. For Commissioners, Jas. S. Woodward, Jno. T. Barnes and S. M. Warren.

Charlotte and South-Carolina Railroad.—The Charlotte Times writes from that city, that William Johnston, President of the Charlotte and South-Carolina railroad, that the work of rebuilding is in rapid process of completion. The bridge across the Catawba will be ready for the trains to pass over by the 10th of May, and the entire tract re-laid to Columbia—thus making the connection with Charlotte perfect.

Robbery.—Mr. Giles Christian of Montgomery County, was robbed, by three men, near Chocoma, S. C., on Sunday night last, and three hundred and twenty-five dollars taken from him.

New Mail Line.—R. H. Cowan, Esq., as President of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company, has taken the contract for a tri-weekly mail between Wilmington and Rutherford, N. C., and has gone North to procure the necessary coaches and cattle for the part of the line over which the railroad has not been finished.

Confederate Money Belt.—In Barnum's Museum, New York, is exhibited, "a rebel's money belt, found on a battlefield," so reads the inscription; and on the belt is written, "Capt. W. Whitaker, 67th N. C. State Troops." There are a few Whitakers in Wake, Halifax, and some other counties of the State, and perhaps this belt belongs to some of them.

The American Eagle is the title of a new weekly paper, or rather, the revival of an old one, at Louisville, N. C., the first number of which is on our table. It is edited and published by Messrs. Richard Inge Wynne and Wm. H. Pleasant. The paper presents a neat appearance, and the matter is creditable. The price is three dollars per annum, in advance.

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LATEST NEWS.

The following just and admirable order has been issued by the President:

[OFFICIAL.]

CIRCULAR TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS IN REFERENCE TO APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

It is eminently right and proper that the Government of the United States should give earnest and substantial evidence of its just appreciation of the services of the patriotic men who, when the life of the nation was imperiled, entered the army and navy to preserve the integrity of the Union, defend the Government, and maintain and perpetuate, unimpaired, its free institutions. It is, therefore, directed—

First, That in appointments to office in the several Executive Departments of the General Government, and the various branches of the public service connected with said departments, preference shall be given to such meritorious and honorably discharged soldiers and sailors—particularly those who have been disabled by wounds received or diseases contracted in the line of duty—as may possess the proper qualifications.

Second, That in all promotions in said Departments, and the several branches of the public service connected therewith, such persons shall have preference, when equally efficient, the cheering those who have not faithfully and honorably served in the land or naval forces of the United States.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

Executive Mansion, April 7, 1866.

PASSAGE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL BY THE HOUSE!

WASHINGTON, April 9th.—SENATE.—The Senate today passed the bill which it came from the House.

HOUSE.—The House took up and passed the Civil Rights Bill, over the President's veto, by a vote of 122 to 41. Upon the announcement of the vote, a great excitement, the cheering lasting several minutes. The galleries were crowded, and the floor of the Representative chamber was filled by privileged persons. The number of Senators attracted thither were so many as to have left that body almost without a quorum. Amid the confusion which ensued the House adjourned.

The bill passed the House before by a vote of 111 to 38. It is now the law of the land, having passed both Houses over the President's veto.

LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 9.—The steamship England, with Liverpool dates to the 29th ult., has arrived.

Cotton had declined from a half to three-quarters of a penny. Sales of the week, 38,000 bales. Sales of Thursday 8,000 bales. Middling Orleans 19 1/4.

Consols 86 1/2 @ 86 3/4. Five-Twenties 71 @ 71 1/4.

The prospects of an Austria-Prussian war were increasing. A crisis was considered imminent.

The cattle plague is on the decline in England.

FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

New York, April 9.—The steamship New York, from Aspinwall with dates to the 1st, brings \$730,000 in treasure.

One hundred and fifty negroes attempted a revolution at Panama on the 24th ult.—They were surrounded and shot down like sheep. Twenty-five or thirty were killed, and one hundred made prisoners.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION.

The Military Commission which has been in session in this city for some time, adjourned on Saturday afternoon. All cases not already disposed of by them have been turned over to the civil authorities.—Richmond Dispatch.

Lieutenant General Grant was arrested recently in Washington by officer Bailey, on the charge of fast driving. The officer had caught up the General offered to pay the fine, but refused to be arrested. The officer, however, refused to receive the money, and the highway, desired the General to report at the station-house, but he immediately drove off at full speed. It is said that President Lincoln was once placed under arrest for fast driving, and acknowledged the authority of the law by paying his fine at the station-house. There is no danger to free institutions as long as we witness such incidents as this.

NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, April 7.—A great crevasse is reported at Chalmette's levee, West Baton Rouge. The whole parish is overflowed, and it is feared that extensive damage has been done.

The crevasse below this city is being repaired. The repairs of the city is in progress. The British Steamship Company and merchants are drawing up a memorial for deepening the ocean passes. They call upon the Western Chamber of Commerce and the Federal Government for aid. The foreign trade has outgrown the former channel, and the heaviest draught being necessary.

The Methodist Conference has received a despatch from the Methodist Assembly in New York, asking for a union of prayer on Sunday in both cities and throughout the United States. It was accepted, and a reply sent by telegraph.

General Scott left this morning, on the steamer Guiding Star, for New York, somewhat improved in health. N. Sevely, postal commissioner, has also left.

FINANCIAL CRISIS.

The National Intelligencer says there are everywhere seen mysterious and alarming portents of a coming financial storm. The excess of an irredeemable paper currency has done its work by an exaggeration of the price of accumulation of goods and merchandise, and by promoting enormous speculations and hazardous engagements. Paper money is as forest leaves. For once, Wall Street admits that it is a paper money; because there is little employment for it.

THE RICHMOND PRESS.

All of the six Richmond dailies—Enquirer, Dispatch, Times, Examiner, and others—came to hand yesterday, looking as neat as possible, and replete with reading matter and advertising patronage. The Richmond printers have modified their demands, and all the papers seem to have secured their old employees, except the Examiner. This paper gives a minute account of the difficulty and its cause, and announces its intention to employ new men, and conduct its business just as the proprietor may deem best.

REJOICINGS OVER CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

DELAWARE.

WILMINGTON, Del., April 7.—There is great rejoicing here among the Union men at the triumph of the Senate in passing the civil rights bill over the veto.

A salute of one hundred guns is now being fired in honor of the victory gained by the loyal majorities of Congress.

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